

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

8 School Street, Fairfield, ME 04937
207-453-4200

February 16, 2017

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on February 16, 2017 at the Junior High School.

1. The school board meeting was called to order by Chair, Shelley Rudnicki, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

Boyden : Present	Flood-Gerow : Arrived: 7:11	Michaud : Present
Caverly : Absent	Knox : Present	Rudnicki : Present
Chesley : Absent	Kugelmeyer : Present	Tompkins : Present
Dumont : Absent	Liberty : Present	Toto-Lawrence : Present
	Martin : Absent	Student Gibson : Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

17-02-04

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to accept the minutes from the February 2, 2017 board meeting. Passed: 6-0-1.

4. Citizen Input

Ms. Rudnicki reminded everyone to participate in the box tops for education program and to continue donating to the Bulldog Clothes Closet for grades K-12.

5. Student Report

Principal Campbell read the student report in Ms. Gibson's absence. Girls' basketball playoffs start this week at the Augusta Civic Center, intramural volleyball sign up has started and the LHS show choir and jazz combo has been rescheduled to March 1 at Winslow JHS. The show choir will be performing 'Hercules' at 10:55 am and the jazz combo will perform at 2:00 pm.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

The Board recognized Mason Cooper for his outstanding achievement of reaching 1000 points as a member of the Lawrence High School boys' basketball team.

- Discussion of High School Schedule. Chair Rudnicki lead discussion on teacher's schedules at Lawrence High School. The board engaged in a lengthy discussion about teaching assignments and scheduled duties and function throughout the teachers work day. The board requested a work schedule for teachers that went beyond classes taught to include prep. time and duties. Because schedules vary by day of the week, the group agreed to use a Tuesday second semester schedule.

First Reading

17-02-05

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to withdraw first reading of Policy IGDJ.

17-02-06

Motion by Mr. Michaud, 2nd by Ms. Boyden to table Policy IGDJ. Passed: 8-0-0

Resignations:

Appointments:

8. Committee Reports

Finance committee chair Boyden reported that the committee reviewed the expenditures and revenues for the year and found they are up to date and on track. The committee is waiting for information on state subsidy and asked the superintendent to prepare a first draft budget showing a continuation of current programs or an 'as is' budget.

Chair Rudnicki reported administrators' negotiations are on-going.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker informed the board that the district has used six snow days to date. We will develop plans to meet the minimum state requirements for seat days.

Superintendent Baker distributed Jobs for Maine Graduates newsletter including an article on student presentations to the board in its last meeting.

Dr. Baker distributed a draft copy of the report from the Commissioner to Reform Public Education Funding and Improving Student Performance in Maine.

Principal Lee reported Fairfield Primary Kindergarten will host a 100 days celebration; children and their families will participate in math and number knowledge related activities. The Albion students launched their *Winter Reading Challenge*, the local Masons Bikes for Books Reading Program.

Principal Wedge reported Benton students are holding a read-a-thon February 17. Bob Stewart from Maine College circle met with 4-6th grade classes to discuss what they might want to do when they grow up and where they want to go to college. He explained their chance to earn a \$100 scholarship from the Federal Credit Union if they participate in an essay contest. Mr. Stewart will return in May to announce the winners.

Principal Hersom commended Mrs. LaPort's advanced art students who have been creating fish-themed art using a wooden pallet and reclaimed materials. Fishsticks Exhibition is rescheduled for February 28 from 2:15 – 3:00 pm in the art room, pieces will be sold and proceeds to fund their trip to the Museum of Fine Arts.

10. Other Business

- Discussion of Brain Rules: The board began a systematic review of the book Brain Rules by John Medina. The district is using the book as a vehicle to review current understanding of how the brain processes information. Our objective is to heighten educator awareness of the most effective practices to support learning and increase student achievement.

Adjournment

17-02-07

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd Mr. Caverly to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 12-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully,



Dean P. Baker, Secretary to the Board

The next meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors will be March 16, 2017 at Lawrence Junior High School.